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SUBJECT: REGIONAL SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES AGENCY

1. SPEC SOURCE TOLD ME THAT SPEC WILL BEGIN 27 APRIL
CANVASSING FORUM LEADERS WITH THE PROPOSITION THAT THEY MEET
8 - 10 MAY TO DISCUSS SPRFA. ALTHOUGH SPEC RECOGNIZES THAT TIME
IS SHORT DECISION TO CANVASS WAS DICTATED BY BELIEF THAT
WITHOUT SUCH ADVANCE FORUM LEADERS MEETING JUNE CONFERENCE MAY
BE INCONCLUSIVE TO SAY THE LEAST. SPEC HOPEFUL THAT FORUM
LEADERS WILL SHARE THIS ASSESSMENT AND RESPOND FAVORABLY.

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2. AT THE SAME TIME SPEC IS SENDING CABLE TO NEW ZEALAND
PRIME MINISTER URGING THAT CRIS BEEBE BE MADE AVAILABLE IN
JUNE TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN OF SPRFA CONFERENCE.

3. 3. NEW ZEALAND HICOM WHO AWARE OF FOREGOING TOLD ME THAT
HE SEES NO REASON WHY GNZ COULD NOT ACCEDE TO SPEC SOLICITATION
EVEN THOUGH C. BEEBE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN TEHERAN AND

ASSUME HIS NEW ROLE AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN FRIDAY 28 APRIL.
BEEBE COULD VERY WELL LEAVE TEHERAN AND COME TO SUVA FOR THE
FEW DAYS THE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO LAST. NEW ZEALAND HICOM
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PAUL COTTON WOULD BE A GOOD REPLACEMENT
FOR BEEBE AND THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE HE COULD THINK OF WAS THE
NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA WHO HAS HAD LONG EXPERIENCE
WITH LOS. BUT IF AN AMBASSADOR MUST BE PULLED FROM HIS
EMBASSY FOR THE SUVA MEETING IT MIGHT AS WELL BE BEEBE CONCLUDED
NEW ZEALAND HICOM.

4. NEW ZEALAND HICOM JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE
GILBERTS ISLANDS AND REPORTED THAT GILBERTS LEADERS ARE MORE
THAN ANXIOUS SEE THE SPRFA GET ORGANIZED BECAUSE THEY SEE
FISHING AS LITERALLY THE ONLY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO THEM
AFTER THE EXHAUSTION OF PHOSPHATE MINES. THEY MADE AN URGENT
APPEAL TO NEW ZEALAND TO SEND A FISHERIES EXPERT TO THE GILBERT
ISLANDS TO BEGIN TO ADVISE ON HOW TO NEGOTIATE
FISHING RIGHTS WITH MAIN FISHING COUNTRIES IN THE AREA NAMELY
JAPAN, TAIWAN, AND SOUTH KOREA. NEW ZEALAND HICOM ESTIMATES THAT
THERE MIGHT BE AS MANY AS A 1,000 FISHING BOATS OPERATING AROUND
THE GILBERTS ISLANDS OF WHICH NO LESS THAN HALF MAY BE
JAPANESE. HE WAS TOLD THAT JAPAN RECOGNIZES OFFICIALLY THAT
ABOUT 250 BOATS ARE FISHING IN THE AREA.
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